

OBITUARY**JEAN DELACOUR**

We were sad to learn of the death in a Los Angeles, California hospital on 5 November 1985 of Dr Jean Delacour, leading authority on waterfowl and pheasant-like birds and, at 95, the oldest world ornithologist. Dr Delacour was past-president of the International Ornithological Congress, and of the International Council for Bird Preservation. He was a leading figure in the conservation of birds for over half a century. His field work was mainly in Asia, but he visited all continents. A leading aviculturist, he maintained extensive aviaries at his home in northeastern France; these were destroyed during both World Wars but he rebuilt them each time. He was long a Research Associate of the American Museum of Natural History where he wrote many works, sometimes with Ernst Mayr; he also directed the Los Angeles County Museum for over a decade. We mourn the passing of this fine old man.

Lester L. Short

NOTICES**SEVENTH PAN-AFRICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS**

The seventh congress will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 28 August to 5 September 1988. There will be symposia, contributed papers, poster sessions, workshops, and excursions including several tied in with symposia on avifaunas of threatened forests of Kenya. One theme will be threatened Afrotropical forest avifaunas. The I.C.B.P. will participate in a one full day's programme. Funding and suggestions for funding travel to the meeting, and participation of indigenous African ornithologists in it are solicited.

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